



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th AUGUST 2026

The Chairman welcomed everyone and the meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

ACTION

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: Mike Hems, Emma Woollard, Adrian Garnham, Chris Leach, John Pallant, Ian Kemsley

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jayne Jones – Clerk

Cllr Armstrong

27 Members of the public

136/PC/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Nigel Watts - Accepted

Adrian Gray – Accepted

Oliver Brazill – Accepted

137/PC/26 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

None

138/PC/26 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION:

None

139/PC/26 OPEN DISCUSSION

The Parish Council would like to pay its respects to Penny Clarke who died on 28/7/26 at the age of 98. Penny was an active member in the community. She was a Parish Councillor, District Councillor and County Councillor. Her funeral will take place on 9/9/26 at 12.00 at St Peters

A representative from Anglian Water gave a short presentation and answered questions. See **148/PC/26**

A tree branch has fallen off the oak tree into the school play area. Clerk will write to the school asking them to conduct a professional assessment on the oak trees that are on their land that abuts the public footpath.

Clerk

Three items of play equipment are taped off on the Alton Water play area.

Cllr Leach will bring this up at the next Anglian Water User Meeting.

Cllr Leach

Cllr Hems attended the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Town and Parish Council liaison meeting in July. While uncertainty still remains over the local government review, any ongoing work such as the Joint Local Review is designed to be divided up regardless of outcome. The New recycling system has been a huge logistical challenge, but Babergh has not seen the problems experienced in other parts of the county. The new Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) should be published by the end of September.

Nitrous Oxide and vapes have been found at the rear of the container by the village hall. Stutton Community Association have reported this to the Community Police Officer. Council agreed to also write to the police. **Clerk**
Resident raised concerns regarding the narrowness of the path outside Roban House. This concern is one of the subjects which will be investigated by the Village Road Safety Review.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr Armstrong will resend her report.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr McLaren's report has been circulated to all Councillors and a copy is on the website. Cllr McLaren sends her apologies.

140/PC/26 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The July's minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

141/PC/26 MATTERS ARISING:

None

142/PC/26 CORRESPONDENCE:

None

143/PC/26 FOOTPATHS AND GREENWAY:

Greenway safety checks have been completed.

Residents are asked to ensure that hedges facing footpath or roads are trimmed back to ensure easy/safe access.

144/PC/26 HIGHWAYS:

Lower Street/The Drift, road surfaces are breaking up due to the recent increase in traffic caused by Holbrook Rd being closed due to the water leak. Cllr Garnham will report.

Cllr Garnham

145/PC/26 PLANNING:

None

146/PC/26 DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN

None

147/PC/26 ANGLIAN WATER MAINS WATER LEAK

Two representatives from Anglian Water attended open discussion to present a report and answer questions from the public. Please see apex 1 for the report.

148/PC/26 VILLAGE ROAD SAFETY REVIEW

Council agreed the report laying out the reasons for not adopting 20mph through the village. They will now move on to assessing, road signs and road markings in the village.



149/PC/26 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Team are happy to continue. Cllr Hems is joining the team. They will be assessing the progress of the plan and the results of the SHELAA when available.

150/PC/26 LITTER PICK

Council agreed to conduct a village litter pick on 3/10/26 at 10.00am meeting at Post Office Corner.

151/PC/26 VILLAGE BUS SERVICE

A resident has volunteered to investigate the possibility of lobbying for funding from SCC for a new bus shelter/more buses, and will report back to the council.

152/PC/26 ACCOUNTS:

Bank Reconciliation agreed

Payments:

Clerk Salary: £425.01 (chq no1694)

Stutton Community Association: £60.00 (chq no1695)

Babergh DC (Bin Emptying): £1555.20 (chq no1696)

Cancelled chq no1697

Chris Leach (Bus shelter sign): £4.49 (chq no1698)

Toby Woollard (Website management): £90.00 (chq no1699)

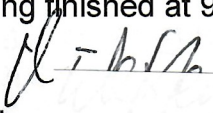
153/PC/26 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

None

154/PC/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 14th September 2026

The meeting finished at 9.30pm

Chairman: 

..... Date:  14/9/26.